

# Blackhole Entropy and Quantum Spacetime

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# Notions in Blackhole Physics

Carl Schwarzschild, was first to predict the existence of blackholes from solving Einstein equations.



The solution was so strange, even Einstein himself considered it unphysical. Later, it was found to be a suitable solution for the end of the life a massive star.

# Schwarzschild blackholes

Schwarzschild blackholes, are the solution for star collapse, without rotation nor charge.

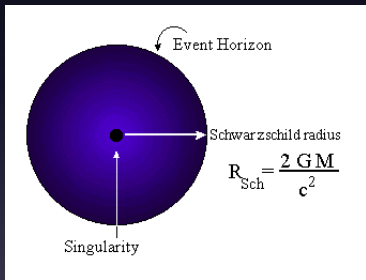
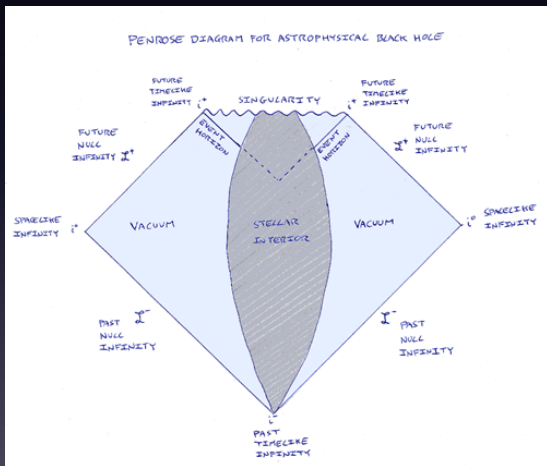


Figure: The structure of a Schwarzschild blackhole

Figure: A drawn Penrose diagram showing a stellar collapse into a blackhole, and formation of a singularity and event horizon



When the blackhole has a non-vanishing angular momentum  $J \neq 0$ . They are called *Kerr Blackholes*

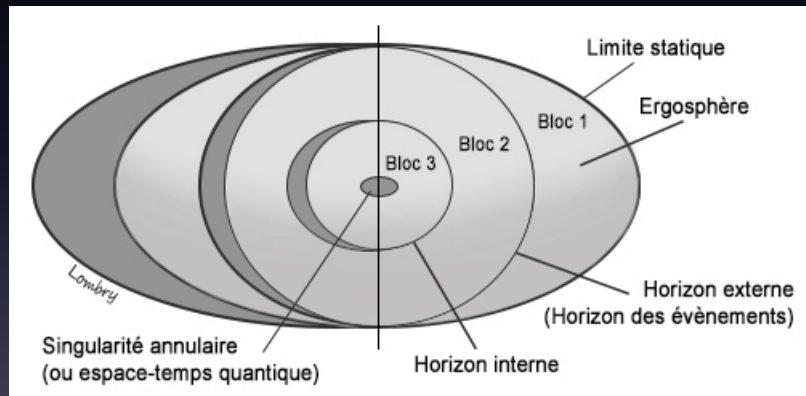
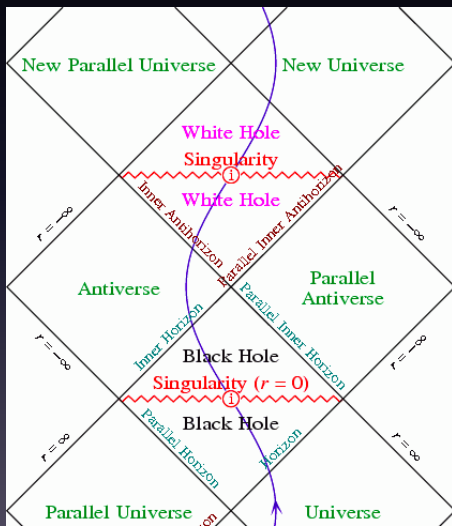
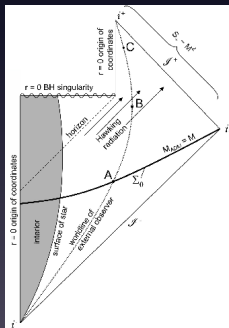


Figure: A Penrose diagram for the maximal extension of Kerr solution



# Blackhole Evaporation

In the early 1970's S, Hawking had observed that the surface gravity of the blackhole would affect the quantum fields ( that lay beneath). Casing the inertial observers to detect radiation coming out from the blackhole's event horizon.



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Many paradoxes appeared from this observation. Like **Information paradox** and **Firewall paradox**

# Laws of Blackhole mechanics

Since blackholes radiate with Plankian spectrum. This implies they have temperature and finite entropy. This leads us to write laws for Blackhole 'mechanics' in parallel to the ones of thermodynamics

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Compare this to the first law of thermodynamics :

$$dE = T dS + F dD + \mu dN.$$

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Observe how **thermodynamic** quantities are directly linked to **geometric** ones.



# Blackholes have no hair!

We can also, read-off the **no-hair theorem**, which states that the only types information that one may obtain about what is inside the blackhole are the mass, the electric ( $U(1)$ ) charge and the angular momentum.

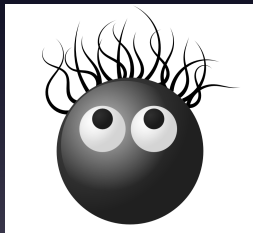


Figure: Sadly, blackholes don't have hair ! ☹️

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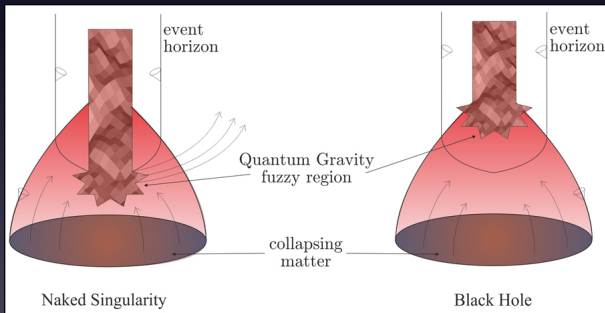
This however applies only for isolated blackhole. A generalised second law - to allow Hawking radiation- is :

$$\frac{dS_{tot}}{dt} \geq 0$$

For  $S_{tot}$  the entropy of the blackhole and its surroundings.

- **The third law:**

There are no blackholes with vanishing surface gravity. In other words, there are no naked singularities. All blackholes should have an event horizons that shield the universe from their singularities.



# What Are the Microstates ??

Recall the formula:

$$S_{BH} = k_b \frac{A}{4\ell_p^2}$$

If the blackhole has 10 times the Solar mass, then the entropy would be of order  $\sim 10^{80}$ . This is huge. What would be the microstates for the blackhole giving it such an enormous entropy ?

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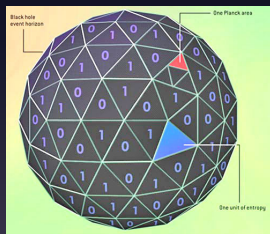


Figure: Information about the 3D world is encoded in the 2D boundary



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Each 3-space is made from **spin-networks**, a type of (directed) graph . The spin network states are the quantum states of the 3-space.



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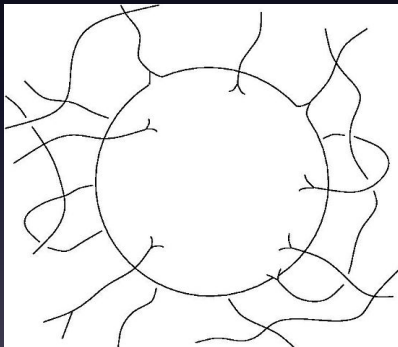
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Now we ask, how many SN-states can be found 'puncturing the horizon of the blackhole, i.e. how many  $|T_s\rangle$  such that :

$$\langle T_s | \hat{A}_r | T_s \rangle \in [A - \ell_p^2, A + \ell_p^2]$$

Module-away the guage motions of  $|T_s\rangle$  generated by the constraints of gravity ( like diffeomorphsim constraint)  
We obtain the number of microstates of the blackhole surface.



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Hence, we conclude that the spacetime should admit a foam-like structure at this scale.

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Nevertheless, he insisted that the spacetime is simply-connected, and have a topology of  $S^2 \times S^2$ .

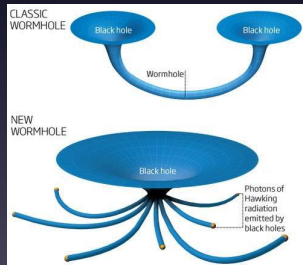
Extra hidden dimensions could be enclosed by changing the topology to different manifold products. keeping the simple-connectedness.

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This was later proven for a TQFT that two entangled particles are connected by a wormhole by Beaz. Using category theory.

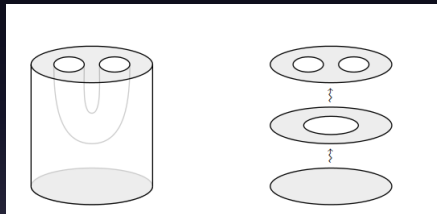


Figure: In category theory, the creation of particle-antiparticle pair, being entangled implies the formation of a wormhole between them

What we aim to do, is to generalise Beaz proof to include 4-D relativistic TQFT, not just for 3-D case.

This can be done by adapting  $B - F$  theory for gravity. In a very similar fashion used in the SN formalism in LQG.

However, here the particles of the TQFT are the virtual blackholes ( bubbles) of Hawking's 1995 paper.

The spacetime at the quantum scale is conjectured to be made from entangled bubbles, forming wormholes.

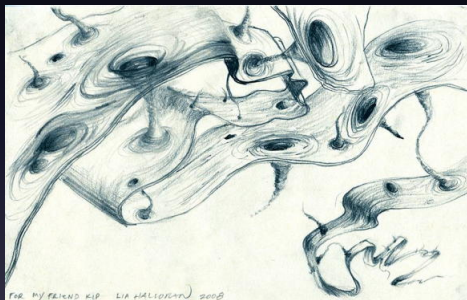


Figure: An artistic vision of a multiply-connected spacetime

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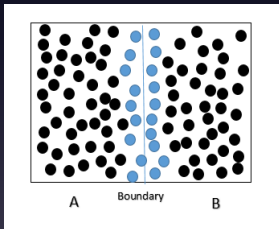


Figure: At the boundary, the nearest bubbles are entangled forming different paths to enter via this boundary



This is very similar to the number of microstates defined in LQG. If one carries the path integral of the theory over the event horizon, defining the result is related to the first fundamental group.

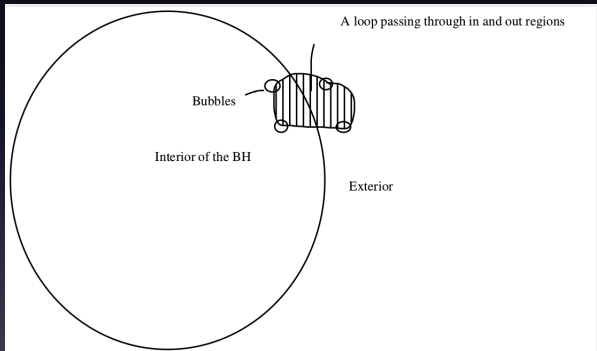


Figure: Calculating the first fundamental group of the event horizon surface

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- The topology of the event horizon is directly connected to the entropy of the blackhole.

# Thank You !

End of lecture ...



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